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SUBJECT: SPANISH VIEWS ON IAEA COMMITTEE ON SAFEGUARDS AND VERIFICATION

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Classified By: ESTHOFF Ken Forder per 1.4 (B/D).

1. (U) ESTHOFF passed reftel points August 30 to MFA Disarmament Affairs Deputy Director General Marcos Rodriguez Cantero, thanking Spain for supporting the creation of the IAEA's Committee on Safeguards and Verification and requesting Madrid's views on membership, leadership and agenda-related issues. Rodriguez Cantero told ESTHOFF September 2 that Spain has two concerns it would like to raise with Washington; one "national," the other "multilateral."

2. (C) From the national perspective, Spain strongly believes that countries should not/not have to sit on the IAEA's Board of Governors in order to be a member of the Committee on Safeguards and Verification. This membership question needs to be sorted out before extensive agenda-related discussions are held.

3. (C) From the multilateral perspective, Spain believes that the case of Iran has shown that the IAEA's current "tool kit" is inadequate. Spain believes the IAEA needs to be made more effective and hopes the new Committee on Safeguards and Verification can contribute to this process. As a result of our approach, Spain will work to develop specific proposals on how to use the Committee and will pass these ideas to the U.S. via Vienna.
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